




ILLUSIONS OF ADULTING

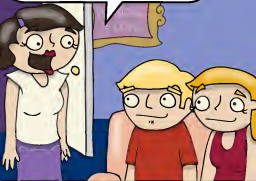
by Sara Zimmerman




Wow, Hailey. That was a brutal week of wedding planning with your mom.

Steve, that was a nightmare. But, with all my pleading, I was able to get my mom to give in on just a few things that we actually want for our ceremony.

Hi, I'm Francesca and I'm
excited to make your dream
wedding come true!





A comic panel featuring three cartoon characters: a girl with dark hair and a white shirt on the left, a boy with blonde hair and a red shirt in the center, and a girl with blonde hair and a red tank top on the right. They are all looking towards the left. In the upper left, there is a purple sign with a gold frame that reads 'WELCOME TO THE CLASS'. A speech bubble from the blonde boy contains the text 'Great! Let me just grab our notes.' The background is a solid blue color.

Great! Let me just
grab our notes.

WELCOME
TO THE CLASS



Here you go!

Uh... okay then.
Let me just review these here
so we can get a ballpark
estimate for your special day.



ILLUSION:



A cartoon illustration of two women. The woman on the left has dark hair and a surprised expression. The woman on the right has blonde hair and is cheering with her arms raised. They are both wearing simple dresses. The background is a light grey wall with a large yellow cloud-like shape behind them.

Your perfect
wedding will only
cost \$2,125!!!

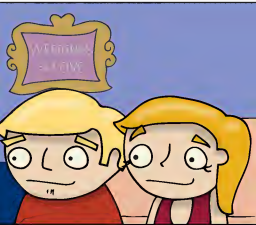
Yay!

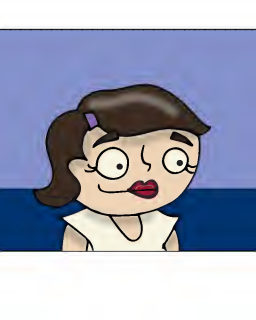
REALITY:

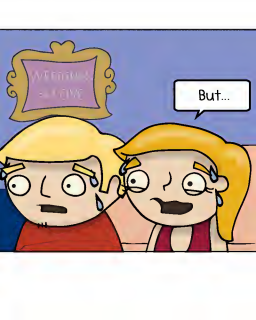
After careful review, it
looks like your ideal
wedding will only cost...



...about
\$64,367.21...
roughly.





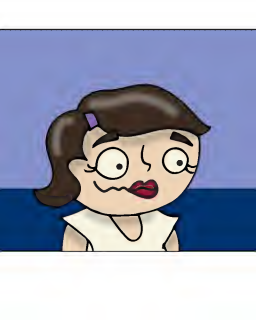


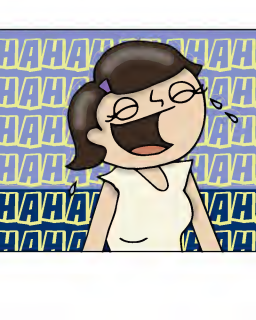
WEDDINGS
ARE FREE

But...

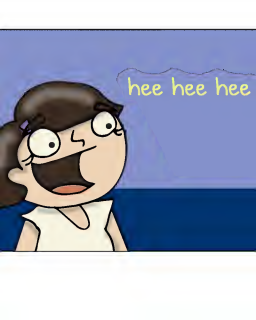
...ummmm...
well, our budget is only
about two thousand dollars.





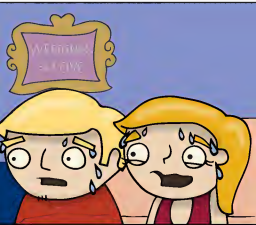






...oh, I thought you
were telling a joke.





Look, not all
hope is lost...



Ok, so if
you cut
out this...




...and this, and
this, and this...

....and serve ramen,
and only invite 4
people...then you
should be good to go.



Well, it's not exactly as we had planned, but I'd rather skimp than have to pay monthly on a wedding loan.



A comic panel featuring two children with blonde hair. The child on the left is a boy with a red shirt, looking surprised with wide eyes and an open mouth. The child on the right is a girl with a red shirt, smiling broadly. Above them is a purple sign with a gold border that reads 'WEDDING - FIVE'. A speech bubble from the girl contains the text 'Plus, it's still OUR day so that is all that matters.'

Plus, it's still OUR day so
that is all that matters.

But, if we can only invite 4
people, and want to have our
best friends and parents, how is
that going to work?

Maybe we should finally
ask my parents for
some financial help.



Dear God, no...



TO BE CONTINUED...

by Sara Zimmerman / Unearthed Comics

Have you ever expected something to cost a certain price, only to be **SHOCKED** at the huge difference? Share your experience in the comments below.